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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Not only Ministers, but the Departments of the Secretariat take due notice of general or specific suggestions made by the hon. Members. Extracts of the debates are sent to concerned authorities whenever considered desirable.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister may give the answer to question 46 also."

Action taken on the speeches made by members in the Assembly.

* 46 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action if any taken by the Government on the speeches made by the Hon. Members of the Legislative Assembly on the floor of the Assembly so far regarding the defects, irregularities, etc., they point out to the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I invite attention to the answer given to Sri K. R. Viswanatham's question No. 45 on this subject.

Sir, the answer to question 45 applies to this question also."

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, do the officials take notice of such debates, and take action on them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It all depends upon the suggestions made. If they are worthwhile, certainly action is taken on them."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, Members make representations to local officers in their constituencies. Will the Government instruct their officers to report to the Members concerned the progress made on their representations? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question is not about general representations made to officers. This question refers to debates in this House, and whether the suggestions made by hon. Members are taken notice of, and any action is taken on them."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government, Sir, inform the Member concerned at least the action taken on important matters? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Unfortunately every Member considers his suggestion very important. Therefore, it will be very difficult to inform every Member in regard to every suggestion made by him."

11-50 a.m. SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Do the Government always receive replies to their circulars from the departmental officers and are there any officers who do not reply to the Government? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question refers to suggestions made on the floor of the House during debates. We take note of those suggestions and action is taken on them, if necessary."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, my question is this. With reference to the circulars sent by the Government in respect of speeches made by hon. Members on the floor of this Assembly, may I know whether replies are always sent by the departmental officers or whether they simply keep quiet? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever any action is necessary, certainly appropriate action is taken on those suggestions."

Refusal to serve tea to certain Harijan constables.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state whether the Government received any representation in connection with the refusal to serve tea to Harijan constables named K. Appadorai and Sigamoni at a tea shop, Kilachur, Pallikonda of North Arcot district, and if so, the action taken by the Government under the Removal of Social Disabilities Act?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes. One of the two persons mentioned in the question is a constable and the other is a village menial. On enquiry it is reported that the proprietor of the hotel does not make any distinction between Harijans and Caste-Hindus and that on the particular day when the said persons went there the hotel keeper is reported to have asked them to wait a little as there was no milk and that he did not refuse to serve the Harijans."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சட்டத்தின் காவலாளிகளான போலீஸ்காரர்கள் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட இனத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் என்ற காரணத்திற்காக அவர்களை ஹோட்டலுக்குள்ளே அனுமதியாமலும் அவர்களுக்கு பதில் சொல்லாமலும், அவர்களுக்கு தேநீர் அளிக்காமலும், அவர்கள் கேட்டதற்கு அவர்களை துன்புறுத்தியும், பஞ்சமா, பறையா, நீச்சா என்று திட்டியும் அவர்களை அவமதித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அந்த போலீஸ்காரர்களும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு மனுச் செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இதை அவசியமாகக் கருதி விசாரணைக்கு எடுத்து விசாரணை செய்திருக்கிறார்களா என்று கனம் அமைச்சரைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am afraid this has no bearing upon this particular question. If the hon. Member wants any information, he is requested to put a separate question."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, I want to know how the question put by my hon. Friend Sri Ratnam has no bearing on the particular question which we are considering."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has not understood the question. It is alleged that the particular constable himself reported to the Government that he was not served tea. The hon. Member wants to know whether it is a fact."